

Securing America's Freedom, Homeland, & Borders



Republicans will protect our nation from the threat of terrorism through effective global intelligence and a flexible and strong military.

- We are engaged in a long war and we have a series of military goals. One of them is to intercept the terrorists before they can kill Americans.
- We have an absolute national security obligation to intercept the enemy before they can execute their plans.
- The safety and security of the American people depends on our ability to find out who the terrorists are talking to and what they are planning.

Republicans stand behind our President in his efforts to make sure that we are intercepting terrorists and those who want to coordinate from places all over the world.

- Congressional oversight is a vital aspect of ensuring matters of national security – and Senate Republicans believe there was adequate oversight.
- The President's authority to intercept the terrorists is derived from the Constitution, specifically his authority as commander in chief.
- Congress has also authorized the United States government, the President, and the Executive Branch to conduct the war on terror and win that war on terror.

Republicans recognize that intercepting the terrorists has been critical to unraveling terrorist plots, links, and activities; it has saved American lives.

- Al Qaeda and other terrorist groups have demonstrated their capabilities in attacks in numerous cities around the world since 9/11, the most recent last summer in London.
- Bin Laden reminded (warned) us of his intentions to kill Americans in the tape he recently released.
- Our goal in intercepting the terrorists is to protect the lives, the liberties, and the well-being of all Americans from those who would do us harm.



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Republicans will work to pass the USA-Patriot Act Reauthorization Conference Report to prevent further terrorist attacks on American soil.

- The Patriot Act has played a crucial role in the dismantling of several terrorist cells within the United States, and has aided in the capture of 401 suspected terrorists.
- As elected leaders, we have a responsibility to protect our fellow citizens.
- The safety of our neighborhoods, our schools, and our communities depend on the USA Patriot Act – and our national security demands that we act now.

Congress worked hard at forging a compromise that strikes the right balance of protecting our country and securing our civil liberties.

- The agreement preserves those provisions that have made America safer since 9/11 and includes the tools necessary to combat terrorism without sacrificing our freedoms and rights.
- Not passing the Patriot tools is a step backward and will compromise the safety of the American people.
- The Congress has the obligation to provide our law enforcement officers the authority and tools they need to investigate and track suspected terrorists already here in the United States.

The bipartisan agreement on the Patriot Act also includes the most comprehensive anti-meth package ever introduced in the Congress.

- The goal of the Combat Meth Act is to make certain legitimate consumers have access to the medicine they need, while cutting off the meth cooks from the ingredients they need to cook meth.
- Methamphetamine is perhaps the most deadly, fiercely addictive, and rapidly spreading drug the United States has known. It is cheap, potent, and available everywhere.
- During the past decade, while law enforcement officers continue to bust record numbers of clandestine labs, meth use in communities has increased by as much as 300 percent.